



School News

Autumn 1 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the halfway point of the autumn term, I want to thank you for your continued support. These past few weeks have been full of learning and joy as the children have settled beautifully into their routines.

From the buzz of new beginnings in September to the calm and thoughtful moments in collective worship, our school has been shaped by Gospel values. While none of us get everything right all the time, we've seen children leading, helping others, and showing kindness—whether through pupil chaplaincy, classroom missions, or small acts that make a big difference.

Thank you for all the ways you support our school—from joining us at assemblies and meetings, to the daily encouragement you give your children. Together, we're building a school where every child is known, cared for, and inspired to thrive.

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

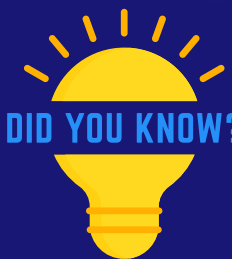
Mrs Harding

Headteacher

Upcoming Events

Friday 7 November	School Photos (Individual)
Thursday 13 November	Remembrance Assembly Y3 9am
Friday 14 November	Skipping Ninja Workshops
Thursday 20 November	Stay and Play (Reception) 9am
Thursday 27 November	Humility Assembly Y6 9am
Thursday 4 December	Advent Assembly Y1 9am
Monday 8 December	SEND parents meeting 2.15pm
Wednesday 10 December	EY/KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 18 December	Christmas Dinner & Party Day
Friday 19 December	Celebration Assembly 9am

Please ask in the office if you would like another paper copy of the school calendar for 2025-26.



DID YOU KNOW?

Detailed curriculum information regarding your child's learning this term can be found on the school website on the Class Pages under 'Our School.'

Housepoints



2nd

Pankhurst

2665

3rd

Bevan

2336

4th

Thompson

1949

Discipleship Awards



Class R
Frankie

Class 1
Taku

Class 2
Aaliyah

Class 3
Riley

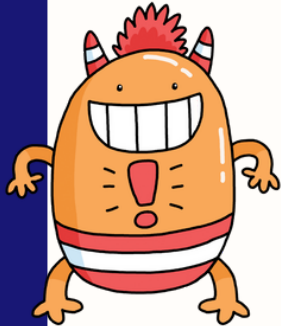
Class 4
Jakey

Class 5
Shekinah

Class 6
Julita

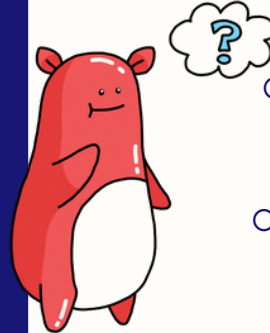
Learning Behaviour Awards

Risk -Taking



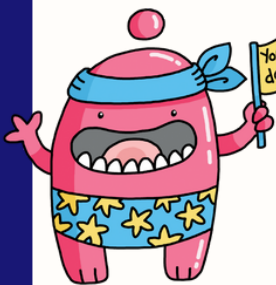
Class R Irah
Class 1 Kiara
Class 2 Sam
Class 3 Damian
Class 4 Isabelle
Class 5 Shivadha
Class 6 Lucas

Reflective



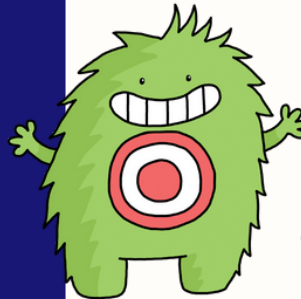
Class R Mia
Class 1 Harmony
Class 2 Felix
Class 3 Ashwin
Class 4 Rosaleigh
Class 5 Jacob
Class 6 Delilah

Perseverance



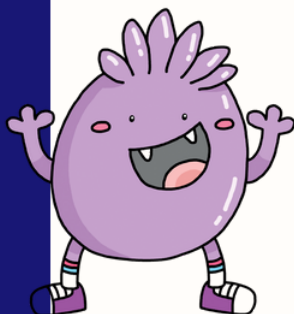
Class R Louie
Class 1 Theodor
Class 2 Isla
Class 3 Dakata
Class 4 Olivia
Class 5 Hannah
Class 6 Millie

Aspiration



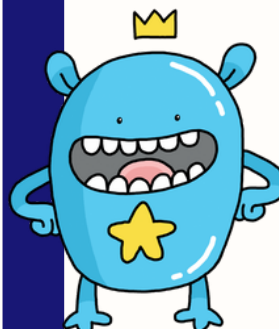
Class R Molly
Class 1 Jaxon
Class 2 Saoirse
Class 3 Delilah
Class 4 Millie A
Class 5 Caroline
Class 6 Amara

Independence



Class R Coral
Class 1 Theo B
Class 2 Athena
Class 3 Libby
Class 4 Teddy
Class 5 Layla
Class 6 Olivia

Confidence



Class R Jeslin
Class 1 Fife
Class 2 Elsie
Class 3 Ovie
Class 4 Tamara
Class 5 Xabryna
Class 6 Brian

Whole School Events

The School Choir gave a fantastic performance at the Torbay Baton of Hope event in September. It was wonderful to be able to support this event as it was aimed at raising awareness of suicide prevention.



We were especially proud of our Year 5 and Year 2 children, who led whole-school worship with such thoughtfulness and joy. They helped us give thanks for the wonders of Creation and the gifts of the Harvest, reminding us all—through their prayers, reflections, and singing—of the beauty in our world and how important it is to care for it with love and gratitude.



Reception Class

We have had a fantastic first half term settling into school. We have been exploring the provision both inside and outside.



We have learned how to make stick puppets and gathered leaves to make leaf people.



We welcomed our families to our first Stay and Play of the year.



Class One

In English, we retold a traditional story by changing the animal characters to create our own imaginative versions. Everyone enjoyed sharing their stories aloud with the class—it was wonderful to see so much creativity and confidence on display!



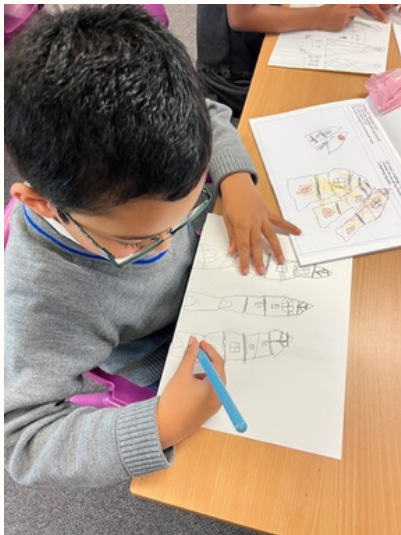
We have also been exploring the fascinating world of Aboriginal art, focusing on beautiful moon paintings. We learned that Aboriginal artists often use dots and a variety of tools to create their unique designs. Inspired by this, we designed and painted our own Aboriginal-style moon artworks, experimenting with different moon shapes and colours.



In RE, we have been learning about the Creation Story. We explored our school environment to discover all the wonderful things that God has made for us. We also talked about how important it is to care for God's world and created colourful posters to remind others to do the same. We were very proud to share our posters with our Year 2 friends!

Class Two

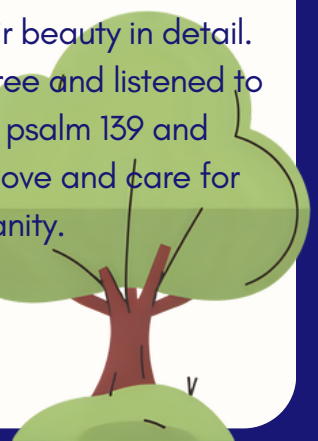
In our History lesson this half term, Year 2 have loved finding out about the Great Fire of London. The children became news reporters and reported all the facts that they could remember.



In our Art lessons, Year 2 have been creating a Great Fire of London scene using collage and pencil sketching, inspired by the work of the artist Emma Majury.



As part of our RE unit Creation and Covenant Year 2 have spent time outside in nature looking at God's creation. We have talked about the wonderful things we can find in nature and looked at their beauty in detail. We sat under the tree and listened to Mrs Tullier read psalm 139 and discussed God's love and care for humanity.



Class Three

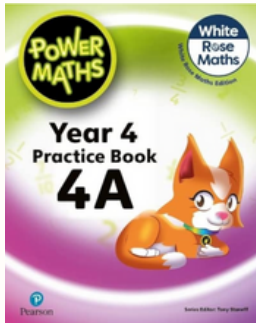
In English we have been reading the book 'Winters Child'. The children worked in pairs to role-play Tom and his mum.

This activity encouraged them to explore the dialogue between Tom and his mum as they shared their feelings about winter. Afterwards, they wrote down their conversations, focusing on using correct punctuation, particularly speech marks in their sentences.



Class Four

Year 4 have had a busy half term of learning. We have been working hard on improving our writing and maths. Place value equipment has helped some of us understand better.



Our Science topic this term has been changing state and we have enjoyed some exciting investigations. We looked at how bicarbonate of soda reacts with vinegar to form a gas- and most exciting of all we conducted an experiment with freezing and made ice cream!

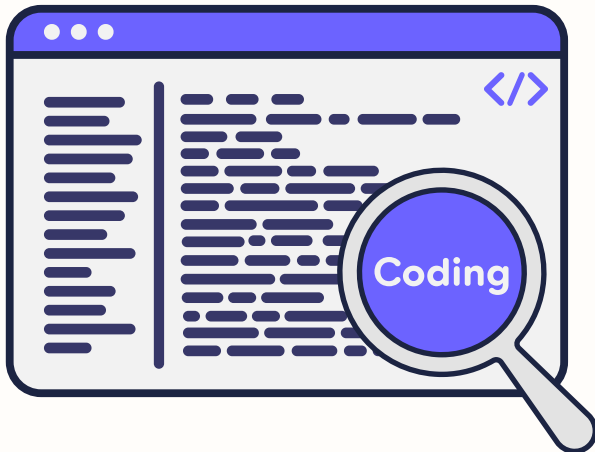


We have also loved our PE lessons with Mr Bastow and have been practising some fabulous gymnastic skills.



Class Five

Year 5 have been learning all about coding in Computing! They've explored how to create algorithms, use loops and sequences, and even debug their own program. The children have shown brilliant problem-solving skills and creativity as they brought their digital ideas to life!



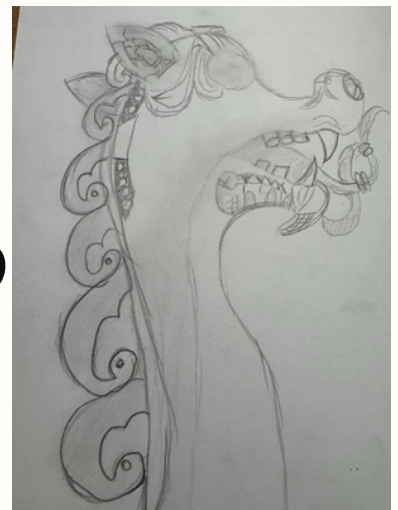
As the weather has mostly been good, we've loved taking our learning outdoors using our new orienteering equipment! The children have worked together to follow maps, find clues, and build their teamwork and problem-solving skills. We can also link this to our work in other subjects such as Maths and Grammar. It's been a fantastic way to learn while enjoying the fresh air and our beautiful school grounds!



Class Six

This half term, Year 6 have been exploring the fascinating world of Viking art. We began by studying the key characteristics and features of Viking design, noticing how intricate patterns were prominent in their artwork. The children practised drawing traditional Viking patterns and developed their skills by creating animal-inspired designs, learning how symbolism and detail played an important role in Viking culture.

Building on these skills, they went on to sketch Viking dragon heads, paying close attention to shape, proportion, and texture. To finish our unit, the children combined everything they had learned to design and make their own unique piece of Viking jewellery, showcasing their creativity and understanding of this historic art form.



Year 6 children had an amazing time at Barton Hall this half term! They threw themselves into every challenge — from zip lining and rifle shooting to stand-up paddle boarding and so much more. Everyone showed fantastic teamwork, courage, and enthusiasm throughout the trip. It was a truly unforgettable experience... and hopefully, they all slept for the whole weekend afterwards after such a tiring but super exciting stay away from home!





A huge thank you to Miss Coverdale and Mrs Green for generously giving their time to look after them!
We have plenty more photos so if you would like to see a photo of your child please email the office at admin@olota.uk to request copies.

